

Serial No.: 09/665,952
Docket No.: 032405.047

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's time spent during the telephonic interview conducted on February 16, 2006. During that interview the Examiner indicated that further amendments to claim 23 could not be considered without the filing of an RCE.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, are respectfully requested. Claims 1-24 are pending. Claims 1-22 and 24 stand allowed.

Claim 23 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Tanigawa (US Patent 5,925,033). **Claim 23 is now cancelled.**


In view of the cancellation of the only rejected claim, this amendment should be entered and the application should be allowed. In view of the above, a notice of allowance is solicited for claims 1-22 and 24.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4300, order number 032405.047.

Respectfully submitted,

SMITH, GAMBRELL & RUSSELL, LLP

Date: February 17, 2006

By: 
Glenn J. Perry, Reg. No. 28,458
1850 M Street, NW
Suite 800
Washington, DC 20036
Telephone: (202) 973-2611
Facsimile: (202) 263-4311